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1. At the end of May and beginning of June 1951, there was a recruiting drive in all of the larger factories and enterprises for new members for the SNB and Prisoners' Guards. The maximum eligibility age for SNB is 35 years, and for the Prisoners' Guards 42 years. Persons who come under consideration must be politically tested by the KOC works organization. Every large enterprise has been assigned a quota to fulfill from which final selection is to be made.
2. The cloister at Osek near Most (N51/F18) has been converted into a penitentiary for political prisoners.
3. On 10 June 1951, all of the miners at the Chomutov mines went on strike in protest against low wages and poor working conditions. The strike was rapidly suppressed by the Works Militia, which forced the workers back to work at gun point. The members of the Workers' Council who wanted to negotiate the grievances with the plant management were imprisoned.
4. In June 1951 monks were evicted from their monastery in Ročov (N51/F20) in the district of Louny (N51/F21). The conversion of the monastery into a women's prison was to have been completed by the end of June 1951.
5. In the areas of Chomutov (N51/F02), Teplice (N51/F34), and Frantiskovy Lazne (N51/F27) a decree was issued on 15 June, prohibiting restaurants from serving food without ration coupons.

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